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Reports published in the Western press to the effect that Molotov conducted official negotiations with representatives of Eastern Bloc states in Berlin are not correct. It is true that the Soviet minister had talks with the chiefs of these delegations while he was in Berlin, but these talks were of an informal character and cannot be considered as conferences held to work out a common line of policy. It appears that such conferences were held with Eastern Bloc diplomats in Moscow prior to Molotov's departure for Berlin. Political circles in East Berlin believe that it was decided in Moscow to let the Satellite countries have more initiative in the conduct of the cold war and the support of Soviet policies. ^{The} Polish offer of an alliance with France was mentioned in this connection.

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